PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

July 28, 2005

Present:

Larry Kanzler - Police Chief
Karen Martin – Campbell Neighborhood Association
Ray Bryan – Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association
Dolly Macken-Hambright – Linwood Neighborhood Association
Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno – Ardenwald Neighborhood Association
Susanna Pai – Lake Road Neighborhood Association
Gene Covey – Lewelling Neighborhood Association
Julie Wisner

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Karen asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Dolly made a motion to accept the minutes. Cheryl seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Signatures on the Communications Agreement – Gene signed it, however, Julie was not prepared to sign it at this time.

Draft version of the Traffic Management Plan – we're waiting for Paul Shirey to get back to the committee with his comments/suggestions/changes. Everyone was provided with a copy of the draft. Julie asked if the new Plan was a re-write meant to replace the engineering document. Karen said it is meant to replace the document. Julie said that there is a NTMP brochure that was meant for lay people. She feels that engineers need a document of their own and lay people need their own. She feels that there should be a brochure for lay people.

Nuisance abatement – Chief said there was a new House Bill regarding the OLCC review process for liquor licenses. The OLCC has turned into more of an administrative type organization as opposed to an enforcement organization. We have a nuisance abatement procedure to deal with establishments or residences that have ongoing police responses/problems. Our computer aided dispatch system shows us how often, when, etc. we respond to certain addresses.

Cheryl said that a lot of citizens are concerned about the proposal to allow movie theaters to sell alcoholic beverages.

Riverfest – it normally costs approximately \$10,000 in overtime to cover the event. This year will be less since it was only a one-day event. Everyone agreed that a one-day event was a good idea.

Julie asked the Chief is he was aware that the Milwaukie Theater had applied for an arcade license – and if those types of establishments add more workload to the police department. The Chief was aware of the application. He feels that it would need to be monitored and it will depend on the clientele and the management/supervision. Julie asked if the committee could give recommendations to the Council regarding the guidelines for management of establishments like this. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea, however we can't do anything before the license is approved. In six months the committee would like to review the frequency and what types of calls the police department has responded to.

Cheryl said that neighborhood stores are selling roach clips, etc. She said that some citizens would like to prepare a letter to address to the owners stating that they won't shop there if they continue to sell drug paraphernalia. The Chief said that selling the paraphernalia is no longer against the law. Gene asked if Meth was a big problem in Milwaukie. The Chief said that it is. We have no dedicated officer or detective assigned to drug investigation. The Sheriff's Office only has two detectives working drug cases. The national statistic is that 25% of the population is involved in drug activity. Multnomah County tested everyone for drugs who was booked into their jail – 85% of them were positive.

Photo Radar Bill – the Chief advised that the Bill is dead. He will try again next time and have the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police sponsor the bill. The Chief will be writing a letter to the editor of the Oregonian – the committee members also want to sign it.

Citizen's Academy update – Dolly said everything is ready to go. They haven't received all the applications yet.

Appointment by Governor to DMV Oversight Committee – Chief had a meeting with the Governor two weeks ago regarding DMV security issues/identity theft. RECIC (Regional Economic Crime Investigators Committee) wants to force DMV into providing safeguards to prevent identity theft and regulate/manage their employees. Chief will represent the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police on the oversight committee. Oklahoma has decreased their identity thefts by approximately 96% by using biometric/fingerprinting system. Ray asked who would have access to the data – the Chief said it would only be accessible to DMV.

The next meeting date conflicts with the Reserve Academy. The Fire Training room at PSB is an option. The committee agreed to meet before the Ardenwald concert.

Ray asked if anyone had heard back from the Council regarding our work plan. The Chief hasn't heard anything – but will follow up.

Ray wanted to say how proud he is of the Police Department and their investigation surrounding the Sanchez homicide. The rest of the committee agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25th, 2005.